

Kentucky Board of Certification of
Wastewater System Operators
Minutes

February 15, 2011

The following are minutes of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators held February 15, 2011 at the Division of Compliance Assistance, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Board Members Present

Dave Pedigo, Chairman
Larry Grubbs, Vice Chairman
Gary Epperson
Dr. Andrew Ernest
Dennis Gumbert
Robin Strader
Alan Todd
Aaron Keatley, Cabinet Representative

Others

Julia Kays, Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA)
Lisa Butler, DCA
Lisa Detherage, KWWOA
Garry Crabtree, KWWOA
Stewart North, KWWOA

Agenda Items

Call to order

David Pedigo called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Guest Introduction

All guests were introduced and asked for their comments.
Garry Crabtree, KWWOA thanked the board for their work.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Epperson entered a motion to approve the January 18, 2011 minutes. Robin Strader seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

- A. A motion was entered by Larry Grubbs to approve the requested change in instructors for KWWOA requests #926 and #927. Gary Epperson seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. Training Requests (Addendum 1)
- C. Exam Requests (Addendum 2)
- D. A motion was entered to release today's training actions and exam request recommendations by Larry Grubbs and seconded by Gary Epperson. The motion carried.

Communications and Announcements

Lisa Butler distributed a financial report for the wastewater account for January 2011

Dave Pedigo asked if the branch had received any wastewater renewals. Julia Kays told him that about 9% of the renewals have been received. Of those renewals, 94% had been submitted online.

Andy Ernest asked the board for their "gut" instinct on the average time a certified operator remains actively working in a treatment facility or collection system after becoming certified. He explained the information was being requested for a thesis that was being prepared by an associate director of the water resources program at WKU. He explained they don't need a quantitative number just a median number. Dr. Ernest also explained that they wanted a model for distance education. Larry Grubbs said that in their facility 60% of their operators will retire in the next five years. Robin Strader said that if an operator stays for five years then about 85% stay for 20 to 30 years. Julia said that she had talked with Jana from Dr. Ernest's office about posting a survey for operators.

Executive Session

Larry Grubbs entered a motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss potential disciplinary actions. Gary Epperson seconded and the motion carried. The board entered executive session at 11:29 a.m.

The board returned from executive session at 12:26 p.m. Andy Ernest entered a motion to recommend that David Hamilton's wastewater Class I OIT be terminated for one year. During the period of this termination he cannot apply for any level of wastewater treatment license. Dennis Gumbert seconded the motion and the motion carried. Julia Kays will prepare the recommendation for DCA approval and forward to the Division of Enforcement.

Adjournment

Alan Todd entered a motion to adjourn. Andy Ernest seconded the motion. The board meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Training Requests

Request Number	Provider Name	Name of Training	Date of Training	WW Hours Requested	WW Board Comments	WW 1st	WW 2nd	WW Motion passed	WW hours approved	WW TCH #
935	Kentucky American Water	Chlorine Safety	10/26/2010	3.5		RS`	GE	X	3.5	9042
937	MSD of Louisville	8 hour Haz-mat Refresher Training	1/15/2011	6		RS`	LG	X	6	9047
938	Environmental Business Specialists, LLC	EBS Industrial Wastewater Seminar	4/5/2011	28		LG	GE	X	28	9048
939	Jerry Kennedy	Design Build for Water & Wastewater	4/19/2010	17.25		RS`	GE	X	17.25	9049
941	Technical Learning College	Basic Plumbing	2/15/2011	8		AT	RS	X	8	9051
942	Technical Learning College	Wastewater Treatment Water Quality	2/15/2011	40		AT	GE	X	40	9052
944	Technical Learning College	Nutrients & Microbes	2/15/2011	24		AT	RS	X	10	9054
947	Eastern Chapter KWWOA	London WW Training Session	2/17/2011	6		RS`	GE	X	6	9057
949	Kentucky Rural Water Assoc.	Ethics, Compliance, Treatment Techniques & Safety	4/5/2011	12		RS`	LG	X	12	9058
951	Kentucky Rural Water Assoc.	Accountability, Source Protection, SDQA & CWA	3/22/2011	6		RS`	DG	X	6	9060
952	Kentucky Rural Water Assoc.	Source Protection, SDWA/CWA & Pipeline Locating	3/24/2011	6		RS	DG	X	6	9061
953	Regional Water Resource Agency	Electrical Safety in the Workplace	2/15/2011	0.75	Future submittals need a better timed agenda	RS	GE	X	0.75	9063
954	KWWOA	54th Annual Water & Wastewater Operators' conference	3/27/2011	18	54 sessions approved with 18 maximum	DG	RS	X	18	9062

Exam Requests

Request #	Name	Agency Interest #	Date Received	Application Type	If Reciprocity State & Current Certification	Status: Approved, Conditional Approval, Denied)	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Passed
133	Calvin E. Rodgers	77314	12/27/2010	IV Collection		Approved		LG		X
134	Joseph J. Falleri	33014	1/19/2011	IV Treatment		Approved		LG		X
135	David W. Russelburg	105142	1/20/2011	IV Collection		Approved		LG		X